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NSC BRIEFING

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IRAQ

I. Qasim has asked UK for substantial quantity of arms.

A. Main items:

1. Fifteen Canberra (B-57) jet light bombers
2. One regiment of heavy tanks (about 40)
3. One regiment of 102mm antiaircraft guns (about /2)
4. One regiment of 5.5 inch howitzers (about /2)

B. British undecided whether this a serious request and how to respond. US may well be asked to foot bill for equipment if any is sent.

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